

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants have claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention, which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. The independent claim identifies the following uniquely distinct features:

1. Regarding claim 20 - A telecommunications method, comprising: establishing a primary signaling connection in a packet-switched network between a first client terminal and at least one second client terminal, establishing a secondary redundant signaling connection in said packet-switched network between said first client terminal and said at least one second client terminal, establishing a single packet-switched media connection between said first client terminal and said at least one second client terminal while said primary signaling connection and said secondary redundant signaling connection are ongoing, signaling for said single media connection being provided by said primary signaling connection, and maintaining said single media connection using said secondary redundant signaling connection if said primary signaling connection fails.
2. Regarding claim 23 - A communication client terminal for use in a packet-switched network having separate signaling and media channels, comprising: a first controller configured to handle call signaling over a first connection during a packet-switched media communication with another client terminal, a second controller configured to handle call signaling over a

second connection directly with said another client terminal, wherein said second controller provides redundant signaling for said media connection while said media connection is ongoing and while said first controller provides call signaling for said media connection, and said second controller provides said call signaling for said media connection directly if said first connection fails.

3. Regarding claim 25 - A telecommunications system, having separate media and signaling channels, comprising: a packet-switched network, a plurality of client terminals coupled to said packet switched network;. wherein the plurality of client terminals are configured to establish primary signaling connections with one another and redundant signaling connections with one another directly while maintaining a single media connection such that if said primary signaling connections fail, said media connection is maintained with said redundant signaling connection during a search for a back-up primary signaling connection.

The closest prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 20-27 are allowable over the prior art of record.

***Conclusion***

Claims 20-27 being allowable, **Prosecution On The Merits Is Closed** in this application.

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